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FIRST LEAD KHRUSHCHEV MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, OCT. 27 (AP)-THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY THE MESSAGE FROM SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV BROADCAST TODAY BY MOSCOW RADIO DIFFERED FROM A COMMUNICATION PRESIDENT KENNEDY RECEIVED LAST NIGHT FROM THE SOVIET LEADER.

WHITE HOUSE SOURCES SAID THE MESSAGE RECEIVED LAST NIGHT MADE NO MENTION OF TURKEY.

IN THE STATEMENT BROADCAST TODAY, KHRUSHCHEV OFFERED TO WITHDRAW OFFENSIVE WEAPONS IN CUBA IN RETURN FOR U. S. WITHDRAWAL OF ITS ROCKETS IN TURKEY.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY PIERRE SALINGER HAD SAID EARLIER TODAY, WHEN TASS INITIALLY REPORTED KHRUSHCHEV HAD SENT A LETTER TO KENNEDY, THAT A LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED LAST NIGHT BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PRESENT COMMENT ON IT. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD AT THE TIME THE WHITE HOUSE WISHED TO COMPARE THE MOSCOW ANNOUNCEMENT WITH THE MESSAGE ALREADY RECEIVED.

LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER SALINGER TOLD NEWSMEN:

"THE STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED BY MOSCOW RADIO IS A DIFFERENT MESSAGE WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED AND ON WHICH WE WILL THEREFOR WITHHOLD COMMENT."

SALINGER LEFT ALIVE THE POSSIBILITY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT BOTH MESSAGES TODAY. HE ALSO SAID KENNEDY HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO EITHER COMMUNICATION.

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